

ONE TRICK FATHER MISSED

Col. Fred Hale's Little Slam at His Father, the Former Senator From Maine.

Col. Fred Hale of Portland, Me., son of former Senator Eugene Hale of that state, came to Washington and called on his old friend, H. C. Emery, of the tariff board, also from Maine.

Emery's office is in the treasury building and Emery showed Hale, not without pride, the long row of granite monoliths on the Fifteenth street side of that building, explaining that there were 36 in the lot, recently put up to replace the old limestone columns, and that they cost \$10,000 each.

"Ten thousand dollars each?" repeated Hale.

"Yes."

"And they came from the Maine quarries, I suppose?"

"No," replied Emery; "they came from the New Hampshire quarries."

"From New Hampshire?"

"Yes."

"You don't mean it?" said Hale.

"Where the deuce was father?"—Saturday Evening Post.

HARDLY



Jones—Hello, Gassline, I'm looking for Jack Hardy. Have you run across him lately?

Gass line (in auto)—My dear fellow, do you imagine I take time to stop to identify everybody I run across?

BUT BOOKS LIVE ON.

Many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life. It is true no age can restore a life whereof, perhaps, there is no great loss, and revolutions of ages do not oft recover the loss of a rejected truth, for the want of which whole nations fare the worse. We should be wary, therefore, what persecution we raise against the living labors of public men, how we spill that seasoned life of man, preserved and stored up in books, since we see a kind of homicide may be thus committed, sometimes a martyrdom, and, if it extend to the whole impression, a kind of massacre, whereof the execution ends not in the slaying of an elemental life, but strikes at the ethereal and fifth essence, the breath of reason itself slays an immortality rather than a life.—Milton, Areopagitica.

OUR BABEL OF TONGUES.

The old and the young sometimes have difficulty in understanding each other's language. Geraldine, playing with her little companions on the sidewalk, succeeded in fooling one of them rather neatly. Pleased with the infant crime, she dashed in to tell her grandmother: "Margaret got stung, gramma."

"What stung her, dear, a bee?" asked gramma, mildly. Geraldine stared at her in blank surprise. "What's a bee?" she asked, deeply perplexed. "Well, what do you mean by 'stung'?" inquired gramma, in equal dismay, and at last accounts neither had been able to make the other comprehend what was meant.

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Bigge Miller—How so?

Hank Stubbs—Said las' night down to the store that his son hed broke the record fur marksmanship an' that he knowed Jonas would distinguish himself some day. Says it's the result uv early trainin'.

Bigge Miller—What's he done so great?

Hank Stubbs—Jed says he's writ home that he's shot ev'ry chute on Coney island.

WISE TOMMY.

Teacher—What change takes place when water freezes.

Tommy (innocently)—A change in price, I guess.—Harper's Weekly.

TOO THIN.

"Is he as thin as I have heard?"

"He's thinner. Say, when he tried on a double breasted coat one row of buttons was up his back."

MIGHT INCRIMINATE HIM?

"Any of you at church last Sunday evening?" queried the bald-headed boarder.

It appeared that nobody present had been there.

"Well, the preacher, as it seemed to me, took advantage of my being in the audience to say this: 'Will all persons in this congregation who feel that they are saved please rise?'"

"Well, did you rise?" queried the inquisitive boarder.

"I refuse to answer."

SPOKE TOO SOON.

"Have you ever seen pink and green monkeys?"

"Certainly not."

"Then you are all right."

"Not so fast, I once saw a couple that were sky-blue."

IN THE SWIM.

"Is your daughter's environment at school a good one?"

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WHY BROWN IS SUCCEEDING

Meeting Heiress Who Spends \$1,000 a Year on Hats, He Marries Her Milliner.

Dr. Bertha C. Downey, at a luncheon in Worcester, Mass., eloquently pleaded for her tax on childless husbands.

"There would be fewer childless husbands if there were fewer extravagant wives. Take the case of hats alone. It is nothing for a woman to decorate her hat with aigrettes and paradise plumes worth \$80 or \$90. Few men can afford aigrettes, paradise plumes and children at the same time.

"Why," said Dr. Downey, "I heard a story the other day about a man who said:

"Brown seems to be succeeding now. What is the secret of it?"

"Well," was the reply, "he met Goldie's daughter, an heiress who spends \$1,000 a year on hats and—"

"And of course he married her,"

"No, no! He married her milliner."

HIS FATE



Fortune Teller—You are soon to travel in China.

Turk—Is that so?

Fortune Teller—Yes; in China, from the kitchen to the dining room.

REMBRANDT'S HOUSE.

The inauguration by Queen Wilhelmina of the museum and picture gallery installed in the house occupied by Rembrandt at Amsterdam from 1639 to 1658, in the Jodenbreestraat, marks an interesting event in art commemoration. Rembrandt purchased the residence for 13,000 florins, and it was here that, in company with his wife, he passed the happiest and at the same time the most fertile years of his life. The house was sold in 1658 for 11,000 florins and was subsequently divided into two; until in 1906 a special commission, of which the famous Dutch artist, Joseph Israels, was the moving spirit, purchased the place and had it restored and transformed into a museum adorned with a large number of Rembrandt's pictures.

NO ROMANCE HERE.

He stood amid the blaze and splendor of his magnificent mansion and in his hand he held the portrait of a beautiful woman. His face was pale and haggard and his lips moved convulsively. What was this mystery? Was this the picture of his departed wife? No. Was it the portrait of his dead but dearly remembered daughter? No. What, then, was the cause of his haggard face? Well might we ask. Was it not the same portrait that two minutes ago had fallen from its nail and raised a lump as big as a hen's egg on his head? It was.

VISIONARY SCHEME.

Mrs. Dorkins—Bobby writes me from college that he needs a good microscope.

Mr. Dorkins—Oh, he does, does he? Well, I must look into that.

TROUBLE ON THE BILLBOARDS.

"Young man, why do you stick your tongue out at me all the time?"

"Because, young lady, you keep looking at me with those wiggly eyes."

A CHANCE.

Agent—Wouldn't you like to try our new typewriter for a spell, sir?

Business Man—Not if it spells like the one I'm employing now, sir.

ITS NATURE.

"So the fat man accused of stealing was found guilty?"

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